

The American Legion

News: Local, State, National

State Convention Begins on Thursday at Syracuse With Lively Contest for Office of State Commander

General Pershing to Lead Street Parade to Stadium; 500 N. Y. City Police to Make Trip in Automobiles

When the state convention opens next Thursday at Syracuse there will be two, instead of three, candidates for the office of state commander. Charles P. Coffey, of Ithaca, who was the third candidate, announced recently at Binghamton that he was not in the field, and requested the counties pledged to him to give their support to Albert S. Callan, of Chatham, the present first vice-commander. The other candidate is Edward N. Scheibler, of Albany. The latter has been endorsed by Albany and several other counties. The contest bids fair to be one of the closest in the history of the legion.

There are still a number of counties unpledged to any candidate. While the entire state favors the nomination of the present state commander, William P. Deegan, for the office of national commander, several counties still insist that he be retained in his present office. Commander Deegan's only comment on both conventions has been, "The voice of the Legion is spoken at conventions."

Pershing Will Lead Parade

General John J. Pershing, who has accepted the state department's invitation to be present at the convention, it was announced yesterday at state headquarters. General Pershing and his staff will arrive in Syracuse on Thursday morning and will remain until next Friday. He will lead the parade of ex-service men and women, which is scheduled for next Friday afternoon. The parade will end at the Syracuse Stadium, where the Legion games will be held for the benefit of the Veterans' Mountain Camp.

Features of the reunion include baseball and football games, an airplane contest, a carnival, a block party and a grand ball.

In addition to General Pershing, other prominent guests and speakers include Major General Lejeune, Commander of the United States Marine Corps; Hanford MacNider, National Commander of the American Legion; Judge K. M. Landis, head of organized baseball; United States Senator William Borah of New Hampshire; Governor Miller of Massachusetts; and Governor Miller of New York State have been invited to attend. President Harding will be unable to attend, on account of the illness of Mrs. Harding.

Police Posts to Attend

Five hundred New York policemen will leave here tomorrow night in automobiles headed for the convention. The police will wear the uniform of the Police Department of New York, and many of them will wear such medals as the Distinguished Service Cross, the Croix de Guerre, the Medal Militaire, and the Legion of Honor as their Police Department medals.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, chairman of the reunion committee, and William P. Deegan, state commander of the American Legion, advise that scores of posts throughout the state are coming to the reunion 100 per cent strong. "No ex-service man can afford to miss it," said Colonel Roosevelt. "If he does miss it," said Commander Deegan, "he will miss the time of his life and miss a lot of friends he has not seen since the days in France."

The big reunion in Syracuse will be made up of scores of smaller reunions—that is, regimentary, company and transport or battalions. Any such organization desiring a private dinner or smoker should communicate at once with Chester W. Fuller, chairman of the arrangements committee, Syracuse, N. Y.

Commander Deegan said that all ex-service men, whether they were members of the American Legion or other veterans' organizations, are invited to the reunion, and are asked to come in uniform, so they may take part in the parade.

The convention will close on Saturday with the election of state officers.

Come Back Club Fete
President Harding, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Theodore Roosevelt, General John J. Pershing and Lieutenant General Robert Lee Bullard, commander of the Eastern Department, with headquarters at Governor's Island, Governor Nathan B. Miller, Governor Edwards of New Jersey, and Mayor John F. Hyman have been invited to speak at the lawn fete at Bluefields Lodge, Bluevelt, N. Y., on Saturday, September 23.

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Episcopalians Assail Bishops' Stand on Wine

Refusal to Permit Clergy to Dispense With Common Cup in Case of Epidemic Causes Criticism

Rectors May Ignore Rule

Plea for Fruitfulness in Marriage Is Inserted First Time in Prayer Book

By Rev. Dr. E. C. Charley

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 17.—The flatfooted refusal of the bishops in council to allow the clergy liberty to withhold the wine in holy communion in cases of epidemics has aroused widespread comment and some unfavorable criticism. Their decision was announced several hours after the House of Deputies had adjourned and was not generally known until this morning.

The experience of the clergy is that there is a growing number of people who abstain from communion because of fear contagion and regard the custom of drinking the wine from a common cup as constituting a serious menace to health. They point out that the children in the public schools are taught not to use a common cup and that when they come to church they see a principle violated.

During the influenza epidemic the Rev. Dr. Leighton Parks, of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, who administers communion to 600 persons at one service, arranged special services at which the bread was distributed but the wine was not given to the communicants. Objection was raised by the church and that the withholding of the cup turned the holy communion into a Roman mass.

Cup Remains on Altar

Where there are a large number of communicants Dr. Parks now distributes the bread and takes the cup in his hands, turns to the communicants and says: "The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul until everlasting life. Remember that Christ's blood was shed for thee and be thankful." The cup is then placed on the altar.

The legality of this practice having been challenged, Dr. Parks addressed an open letter to Bishop William T. Manning asking that the sanction of the bishops be given. Such sanction not only has been refused, but the official statement is added that it is not within the power of any individual bishop to allow any departure from the letter of the law of the Church. The debate was held behind closed doors, but it is understood that the bishops were afraid that any modification would lead eventually to the Roman practice of communion in one kind and the withholding of the cup from the laity. The inevitable result of this ruling will be that it will be disregarded by some rectors, who will render themselves liable to trial for disobedience, and that it will result in large numbers of communicants staying away from communion services.

Changes in Book Approved

Prayer book revision has made great strides during the last week, as both houses have adopted the new services of baptism, confirmation and marriage. They have agreed on the omission of the word "obey" from the marriage

service and the striking out of the phrase "with all my worldly goods I thee endow." There has also been added to one of the prayers in that service these words: "Bless, O God, we pray Thee, the union of these Thy servants, that it may be fruitful according to Thy purpose and enable them to train in health of body and of soul the children whom Thou givest them."

This is the first time that a prayer for fruitfulness in marriage has found a place in the American prayer book. After an exceedingly keen debate the bishops have eliminated from the burial office the provision that it shall not be used over the body of an unbaptized person or a suicide, and they have approved of the insertion of three prayers for the dead and a new service for the burial of a child. These have yet to be concurred in by the House of Deputies.

The approval of the bishops to the new title of the communion office will be challenged by the clerical and lay deputies. The addition of the title "The divine liturgy or holy eucharist" will encounter bitter opposition from the lower house is indicated by the protest statement of a leading lay deputy that the concordat is dead and should be decently buried.

By a bare constitutional majority the house of bishops has relaxed the requirements for ordination in the case of ministers of other churches. No person can now minister in the Episcopal church until he has been examined, recommended by the standing committee of his diocese and declares his conformity of the doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States. By the amendment, accepted yesterday in the house of bishops, other ministers seeking ordination will be dispensed from these requirements.

Prominent laymen are opposed to relaxing the safeguards now surrounding ordination. The question of affiliation with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ is as yet undecided, and the House of Deputies has not acted on Bishop Charles H. Brent's proposal to forbid the marriage of members of this church to divorced persons. It stands small chance of passage.

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French Protest Strikers Go Back to Work Quietly

Union Leaders Declare the Seamen's Action Will Not Develop Into a General Tie-Up

PARIS, Sept. 17.—The twenty-three-hour protest strike of the seamen in French ports ended at 7 o'clock this morning. At all ports the men returned to work without disorder.

Union leaders said to-day that the efforts of the men to force the government to reconsider a modification of the eight-hour law would not take the form of a general strike, but would consist chiefly in compelling the strictest observance of every technicality in the shipping rules. This, they added, would cause many delays in the departure of vessels. The seamen also will demand increased wages and possibly insist on payment in pounds sterling.

Resignation Of Dr. Paddock Stirs Church

Episcopalians Suspect Ill Health Has Been Aggravated by Opposition to His Methods as Bishop

Sought No Contributions

Liberal Policy Is Admitted, However, to Have Proved Beneficial to District

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 16.—Not for a long time has anything attracted so much attention in the Episcopal Church as the resignation of the Right Rev. Robert Lewis Paddock as Bishop of the missionary district of eastern Oregon. Many rumors are afloat as to the actual cause of the resignation. It is felt that, while the condition of Bishop Paddock's health is a contributory cause, there are other and graver reasons which have not been publicly announced. Some of his friends do not hesitate to suggest that his physical breakdown has been caused to a large degree by the attitude of the authorities of the church toward the revolutionary policies Bishop Paddock has pursued in eastern Oregon.

When, fifteen years ago, he was consecrated as Missionary Bishop, he determined not to follow the custom of other missionary bishops to spend a good part of their time in the East soliciting contributions for their work, but to stay steadily in his own field. In addition to this he took the position that the clergy and laity of the district must maintain their own work without recourse to the funds of the general church contributed for domestic missionary work.

Policy an Innovation

This attitude stands out in startling contrast to the policy of other missionary bishops, some of whom have year by year received large sums of money and who this year are asking in some cases as high as \$100,000. This Bishop Paddock steadfastly has refused to do in spite of the great pressure brought to bear upon him in eastern Oregon, especially by the clergy.

It is said, upon the authority of one of the clergy of the district, that at the last annual convocation when he was asked to allow an appropriation to be received from the funds of the national campaign, he replied: "Tell those fellows they can't give us a cent." His basic principle is that the church in eastern Oregon will develop just so far as the people in eastern Oregon provide the money for it. This counsel of perfection is somewhat trying to his clergy, who see their clerical brethren in other missionary districts receiving substantial aid for their work from outside sources.

Bishop Paddock also has been criticized for his policy toward other Christian bodies in eastern Oregon. He will not establish an Episcopal Church in places already provided adequately with religious services, nor will he be any party to over-churching small communities. On the contrary, he has established close fraternal relations with other churches. It has been his constant custom in visiting the rural centers in eastern Oregon to preach in the churches of other denominations without wearing his Episcopal robes and without insisting upon the use of the Book of Common Prayer. To those who think that the business of a mis-

sonary bishop is to establish Episcopal churches, the attitude of Bishop Paddock comes as a distinct shock.

Success Annoys Critics

They do not understand it. Neither do they like it. From their point of view Paddock has not played the game. The embarrassing feature is that this pioneer bishop has been successful. Eastern Oregon is admittedly the most difficult missionary field in the Episcopal Church. It is largely rural, and the people are widely scattered. It covers an area of more than 65,000 square miles, and the largest town has a population hardly exceeding 5,000. There are but four organized parishes and twenty-one organized missions. The bishop himself ministers to twenty-five organized missions, and in addition visits regularly fifty small settlements, which have an average of two communicants of the Episcopal Church apiece. Yet in this unpromising field last year there were 182 confirmations, and the number of communicants in that period increased 25 per cent.

Other missionary districts receiving large grants of money cannot show such results, and Paddock's success is embarrassing to them. To wonder if, after all, the policy which has prevailed in missionary work is not fundamentally faulty. As one prominent bishop recently has said, "He has made a distinct contribution to the principles of missionary policy. Our work should begin with men, not buildings; it should aim to make Christians and not to safeguard a few Episcopal parishes. It is a pity that the wisdom of Paddock's policy there is an uneasy feeling that possibly his method is simply a fearless application of the fundamental principles of Christianity."

Personal Standing High

As to Paddock the man, there is but one opinion. There is not the faintest whisper against his personal integrity and honor. On the contrary, he is held in the highest esteem throughout the American church. However much they may differ from his policy, the people of eastern Oregon are one in the recognition of his simplicity, sincerity, devotion and simple goodness. That view is shared by his brother bishops. Edward L. Parsons, bishop-coadjutor of California, recently said of Paddock: "He has been indeed a modern St. Francis. He has taught us the beauty of simplicity, of humility and of faith in the power of Christ to regenerate human nature. We have gone a long way in much of our work from simplicity and humility. Paddock has believed in Christ and believed in men, and the result we can now begin to see."

In the face of expert medical opinion Bishop Paddock's health forbade his return to eastern Oregon, the House of Bishops had no alternative but to accept his resignation. But they did so with sincere expression of profound regret. He retains his office as bishop and a seat and vote in the House of Bishops.

Dr. Paddock was for several years a clergyman in the diocese of New York. As vicar of the Pro-Cathedral in Stanton Street, under the late Bishop Henry C. Potter, he came into sharp conflict with the Police Department when he protested against the protection of vice and was grossly insulted by a high police official. Bishop Potter's famous remonstrance, addressed to the Mayor, resulted in the election of a reform administration. On leaving the Pro-Cathedral Mr. Paddock became rector of the Church of the Apostles, Ninth Avenue, in which church he was consecrated missionary bishop of eastern Oregon on December 18, 1907.

Russo-Chinese Parley Near

MOSCOW, Sept. 17.—It is announced that negotiations, with the purpose of establishing friendly relations between China and Russia, will begin soon. Reciprocal representations made through M. Joffe, the Soviet emissary now in Peking, the Chinese say they are willing to meet the representatives of the Soviet in Peking at the earliest convenience of the Soviet.

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Joyce was accused of shooting and wounding Andrew Anderson, of 553 Henry Street, while in a garage owned by Adolph Nelson, at 348 Hamilton Avenue, Brooklyn. The patrolman, it was said, was in civilian clothes at the time, but the police of the Eighty-ninth Precinct, near the garage, refused to give out any further information than that the policeman did not do the shooting in the course of duty.

Murder Suspect Found Here

Baltimore Man Identified; Is Seized in Pay-Roll Crime

Walter Socolow, of 1501 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, was picked up at Broadway and Sixth Avenue yesterday by Detective Deegan, who identified him by a circular sent out by the Baltimore police as one of two men wanted in that city for the murder of Walter B. Norris, of the contracting firm of

Hicks, Tase & Norris, on last August 19, during a payroll hold-up in which the robbers got \$7,283.70. Socolow denied being implicated in the hold-up. The Baltimore police have offered a reward of \$10,000 for the rest of those guilty of the murder and robbery.

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